

TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
Regular meeting minutes: July 2, 2008

**1. Call to order**

Chair Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Tiverton Community Center

Members present: Laura Epke, Deb Pallasch, Stanley Zeramby, Diane Harris, Ray Medeiros, Frank Marshall Absent: Richard Joslin, Bob Koohy

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by L. Epke, seconded by S. Zeramby, to approve minutes as emailed for April 2, 2008. Motion approved with D. Pallasch abstaining.

Motion made by R. Medeiros, seconded by L. Epke, to approve minutes as amended for June 28, 2008. Motion approved unanimously

**3. Commission discussion Wrap Up**

Discussion of final letter to the council to wrap up Commission's work/term. Consensus that letter along with attachments for the final All Day Financial Referendum proposal (ADFR), any amended language for Charter proposals, as well as the FTM comments compiled should be sent to the Town Council.

Reiterated that Secretary will put together a pamphlet similar to that used by the previous Charter Review Commission and forward to Town Clerk for use in providing voter information before the election.

**4. Other**

Commission reviewed all comment made at the 06/30/08 Special TC meeting for potential revisions.

Motion by L. Epke, seconded by R. Medeiros, to withdraw the addition of a Historic Preservation Advisory Commission from the Commission's proposed Charter amendments in concurrence with Councilor Bollin's suggestion to create this Commission via ordinance or resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by D. Pallasch, seconded by L. Epke, to amend the language for section 204 "Transfer of Town Owned Land" to 1) remove references to "election" and 2) to exempt the Industrial Park and transfers to the Land Trust as currently allowed by State Law. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by F. Marshall, seconded by R. Medeiros, to amend section 310 "Unreserved General Fund" (step increase amendment only) to enable the Town Council, based upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, to suspend the proposed reserve increase for one year. In favor: R. Medeiros, S. Zeramby, C. Leonard, D. Harris, F. Marshall. Against: D. Pallasch, L. Epke Motion passed.

Motion by F. Marshall to amend the ADFR so "no" vote would allow for the limit to be expanded to accommodate debt and to strike section 302(a) to allow for citizen petitions. Motion received no second.

Motion made by C. Leonard, seconded by R. Medeiros, to accept the final ADFR proposal in its entirety labeled "ADFR Rev D2" amended to strike out section 302(a) "Restriction of Special Referendum." In Favor C. Leonard, S. Zeramby, D. Harris, R. Medeiros Against: D. Pallasch, L. Epke, F. Marshall Motion passed.

Motion by D. Pallasch, seconded by L. Epke, to accept final letter to Town Council as amended for actions taken above. L. Epke to deliver, along with attachments, to Town Clerk. Motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Adjournment**

The July 2, 2008 regular meeting, representing the final actions of the Charter Review Commission, was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Final minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.